

Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council
City of Carthage, Missouri
March 12, 2019

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Roger Williams gave the invocation and Police Chief Greg Dagnan led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: David Armstrong, Ray West, Ceri Otero, Mike Daugherty, Alan Snow, and Darren Collier. Brady Beckham, James Harrison, Kirby Newport and Juan Topete were absent. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks Director Alan Bull and Deputy City Clerk Michael Miller.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Keylee Burbridge was sworn in by Deputy City Clerk Michael Miller. Police Chief Greg Dagnan presented Sergeant Justin Butler and Officer Marcus Wicks with Lifesaving Awards due to them saving an individual's life by applying a tourniquet.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Steve Willis, Carthage Convention and Visitor's Bureau, introduced Niki Cloud as the new director of the CVB. Ms. Cloud introduced herself to the Council. Mr. Willis also reported to the Council that he was excited to see the new wayfinding signs going up across the city.

Mr. Collier reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on March 11. There was a discussion and presentation over the five-year CIP plans which total approximately \$68,000,000. The committee discussed the LEST Grant and recommended Resolution 1864 to Council for acceptance of the grant. The committee also discussed the emergency spending bill to repair Rock Stadium after it was vandalized. Resolution 1865 was recommended to Council to provide authorization of appropriation of funds for the Rock Stadium repairs. The resolution also includes the spending of the funds received in the LEST Grant. Mr. Collier also reported that the committee had discussed the Agreement between the City of Carthage and Pearson Kelly Technology services. The committee made a motion to recommend a Council Bill to the Council for approval. Mr. Collier reported to the Council that banking bids for the City were sent out last week by City Clerk Traci Cox. The due date for these bids is April 17.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit and Claims meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26.

Mr. Collier reported the Public Safety Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 19.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Services Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 19.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee met on March 5. The committee discussed waiving the fees for requests for annexation of property to the city and the fees for rezoning property within the city. The committee made a motion to recommend C.N. 19-11 to Council to waive the annexation and rezoning fees for six months. Public Works Director Zeb Carney presented pictures of the bridge inspections to the committee. Mr. Daugherty reported to the Council that the pictures of the bridges were very bad.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Ms. Otero for the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council and the Carthage Humane Society and Mr. Snow for the Carthage Public Library Board of Trustees.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong reported that at the Public Works Committee meeting, Mr. Daugherty had a good idea of having a possible bond for the bridge repairs throughout the city. Mr. Armstrong also reported to the Council the need for a Council Member to be on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to table Resolution 1866. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong would like to see the guidelines for approving funds spent from the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust. Mr. Short will provide Mr. Armstrong with those guidelines. Ms. Otero reported that Heather Collier at the Carthage Community Foundation will be hosting a "How to Sit on a Board" workshop on March 14 with Bill Putnam leading the workshop. She encouraged the citizens of Carthage to attend if they are interested in serving on one of the boards throughout the City. Mr. Daugherty reported that he believes the city will require a bond to have the bridges repaired due to the amount of bridges needing repaired and the severity of the repairs.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported on the lawsuit with the railroad over the bridges and how the railroad is possibly responsible for those crossings.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan thanked the Council for their recognition of the officer being sworn in and of the officers who received Lifesaving Awards.

Fire Chief Roger Williams congratulated the officers who received the Lifesaving Awards and gave credit to the City and its emergency personnel. Chief Williams reported that he recently did tests to the storm sirens. He also reported that the Fire Department received approximately twenty calls due to the recent high wind events. Chief Williams reminded everyone to be prepared for the Spring storm season. The Fire Department is close to moving things in to Fire Station #2.

Parks Director Alan Bull reported that he will be at a Missouri Community Forestry Council Conference in St. Louis. He also reported that the Parks Department will be repairing Rock Stadium quickly to get power restored there.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a meeting with City Clerk Traci Cox over the anticipated revenues, budgets are due Friday from the Department Heads, the five-year CIP will be reviewed in the near future, out of the numerous funds the Golf Course fund is the only concern at this time, and the sales tax revenue numbers are up year-to-date but the anticipated revenues are still lower than were expected.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$1,741,508.02 against the following funds: General Revenue \$140,153.47, Public Health \$1,011.22, Parks Stormwater \$56,349.87, Golf Course #2,779.71, Lodging \$8,500.00, Parks & Rec Fund \$94.50, Fire Protection \$21,760.90, Capital Improvements \$30,055.00, Payroll \$180,803.35 and Carthage Water & Electric \$1,300,000.00. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 19-09- An Ordinance changing Memorial Hall Rental Fees in the City of Carthage was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Collier, Daugherty, Otero, Snow, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered 19-11.

Under new business, C.B. 19-10- An Ordinance to amend Section 805 (06) of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage regarding Meals was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-11- An Ordinance to amend Section 25-61 of the Carthage Code to waive, for a period of six (6) months, the established fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) for rezoning property within the city, and for requests for annexation of property to the city was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve Resolution 1864- A Resolution providing for the formal acceptance of a donation by the City Council of the City of Carthage, Missouri pursuant to City Policy. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Collier, Daugherty, Otero, Snow, and West.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve Resolution 1865- A Resolution providing authorization of appropriation of funds from the annual operating and capital budget of the City of Carthage, Missouri. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Collier, Daugherty, Otero, Snow, and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to table Resolution 1866- A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the distribution of funds from the restricted trust fund until the April 9 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Snow would like to see a Council Work Day planned to hold public hearings and get the public's input on items like annexation and the CIP projects. Mr. Collier complimented the Department Heads for bringing important items forward for the budget.

Mr. Collier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (1) RSMO, the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys thereof followed by a roll call vote of the board of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Collier, Daugherty, Otero, Snow, and West. Motion carried.

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Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting followed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and no nays: Ayes: Armstrong, Collier, Daugherty, Otero, Snow, West. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.